

MI Child Support Formula

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To whom It May Concern,

I am a single mother raising a daughter with no help. One of the rules I would like to see changed is the reimbursement for six consecutive over night visits for non custodial parents living out of state. I do not believe that a parent that is not parenting their child should receive credit because he or she has a week long visit. Children today have more homework and school projects than I can remember ever having as a child. In short, every child should have access to both parents, when they do not - why give a parent, who voluntarily moves out of state, and is only being the "good time vacation dad" and does not share the work, and responsibility for the remainder of the year, credit for six over night stays, it is ridiculous.

Secondly, it is time to take a look at women's motivations when it comes to the care and support of children. I personally know women who receive a great deal of child support, and instead of that support being spent for a child's needs it is spent on personal items or mainly on bills. Why are women not held more accountable for where "child support" is being spent? Yes a portion should go towards bills, but when a child has no clothes, or the person receiving the support will not buy any for the child, then the person paying the support has a valid complaint and there should be investigation done. I receive child support and my daughters needs are being met and she is involved in after school activities. So many moms take the support and do not spend it on the children. We should all be accountable when a Childs needs are not being met. These complaints need to be taken more seriously by the courts.

Finally, I would like to see employees for friend of the court receive more training on how to deal with people. Most of the people who work at friend of the court are rude, and many are uncooperative. For example, I requested a form for a change in custody and was asked by an employee, why. She then went on to say that I will not win and there is no need for the form. When I asked her if she was a judge she informed another lady to just "give her the damn form." People are under enough stress from day to day life, we don't need to be treated like that from people who are not trained and are not judges. Also, why when you are assigned a case worker are you unable to speak with them? It is consistently handed to the secretary and they are consistently unavailable.

Thank you for your time.

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